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CHRISTMAS

How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still
The dear Christ enters in.

THESE familiar words from the Christmas hymn sum up one of the truths about God's coming into our world—that, when He comes, He comes quietly, without any fuss and almost unnoticed. When Jesus was born, there was no great commotion; his birth took place in the stable of an inn, somewhere in "the little town of Bethlehem." A few shepherds came down from the hillside where they had been looking after their sheep. Beyond that, little notice was taken.

Later, Jesus grew up in the same quiet atmosphere: the carpenter's shop at Nazareth, the unknown thirty years of preparation for his ministry of teaching and preaching. When eventually, He comes on to the public stage, it is around the shores of Galilee—hardly the place to catch the public eye. Even then, so often He wanted to avoid publicity by withdrawing into the quietness of the countryside or by asking people whom He had healed not to talk about it too much. Jesus seemed to be afraid that people might follow Him for quite the wrong reasons, that they might want to belong to His "set" because He was someone to be reckoned with in the world. And even when He is crucified, it is not a very spectacular event; He hangs on a cross along with two others. His executioners numbered Him among the transgressors and this emphasised again the ordinariness of the situation. Even His death was not deserving of any special circumstances.

Thinking about Our Lord's life and teaching, we can see that so much of it was concerned with the homely and the ordinary, with the same kind of situations that we have to face. His home at Nazareth and the devotion of His mother speak to us of family life. His friendship with the twelve disciples reveals the same kind of joys and sorrows that we experience in friendship—companionship,

enjoying meals together, being let down, misunderstandings, forgiving and being forgiven. On his journeys, He met so many people on this same ordinary level—the sick who wanted to be healed, the anxious and worried who needed the assurance of love; the hungry who simply required a meal before they set out for home; thousands of people who came to listen to the stories taken from the ordinary life which they knew. In all His dealings with people, Jesus was meeting them at their level.

Surely, this is what Christmas is about—God getting down to our level, to the lives of people, to lives which are ordinary, very much routine, sometimes dull and monotonous, but always full of situations in which we can know the love of God. It is a great temptation for us to think that God comes into the world with a great "bang" and that, therefore, He's not going to use us and our little lives because we are so insignificant. We might be tempted to compare ourselves with people who have a bit of influence and authority and come to the conclusion that God is much more likely to use them rather than us. If we give way to that temptation, we miss the meaning of Christmas—that, because God comes to share human life we must expect to find Him entering in at every point where we are ready to receive Him. This seems to be the meaning of something Jesus said to His disciples when He was talking to them about His second coming. "When I was hungry, you gave Me food: when thirsty you gave Me drink: when I was a stranger you took Me into your home: when naked you clothed Me: when I was ill you came to My help: when in prison you visited Me... anything you did for one of My brothers here, however humble, you did for Me." In other words our concern for other people involves us in a meeting with Jesus: He comes to share in our friendships: He knows our anxieties and sufferings: He sees our need to forgive and be forgiven. When we give or receive love, we are treading in His footsteps. It is into this ordinary world, the world in which we live, that Jesus comes at Christmas: and not only then, but whenever we shall receive Him.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray:
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas Angels
The great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

Miss Angela Grainger Married at Brighton



THE ringing world is a small one, and it became a little more close-knit on November 20th with the wedding of Angela Grainger and Peter Newing, both of whom have many ringing friends throughout the country.

Angela began ringing at home in Woburn, Bedfordshire, and continued while at Bristol University and at the Sussex Royal County Hospital, Brighton, as a medical physicist. Peter comes from Littlebourne, near Canterbury, and is well known by ringers from Kent to Durham, where he did his degree and theological training. He was ordained in Gloucester Cathedral in September, and is now curate at Blockley, near Moreton-in-the-Marsh in the Cotswolds.

The marriage service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon J. N. Keeling, at St. Peter's Parish Church, Brighton, and Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rev. R. O. Osborne, former Vicar of Woburn. The bride was given away by her brother, the Rev. Bruce Grainger, and attended by two small bridesmaids, Jane and Amanda Sefton-Ullmer. The best man was John Baldwin, a ringing colleague of the bridegroom in Kent and of the bride in Bristol and Brighton. The bride wore a long dress of nylon organza and carried red roses, and the bridesmaids wore short dresses of red velvet with swansdown headbands and carried posies of white flowers.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Peter's immediately before the service, and a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung there in the evening.

[Picture by courtesy of the "Brighton and Hove Gazette" and Pagana Pictures.]

WATFORD DISTRICT OUTING

On a recent foggy Saturday morning a coach load of ringers (including a record number of learners) and friends headed west for a day out. Driver Don Bartholomew coped well with the conditions and was eventually rewarded by the sun's appearance.

After coffee in Marlborough we continued to Bradford-on-Avon. We liked the 30 cwt. eight here and if our ringing resembled the curate's egg, at least the good parts were good, including a half-course of Cambridge. Regrettably, there was no time for more as a bride was at the church door. Lunch at the Green Tree Cafe was first class, after which a quick look at what we could see of this fascinating stone town.

Melksham's pleasant eight sounded well to Grandsire, Stedman and Yorkshire, and for the second time we rang a bride to church. We were pleased to meet the Melksham ringers, assembling to ring her away. At Urchfont in the quiet downlands we enjoyed ringing and listening to the unusual and, we thought, rather majestic 21 cwt. eight. (For the writer, this place stole the show!) Upavon's really grand six went well to everything we tried, and tea prepared by the local ringers in the Village Hall was greatly enjoyed. Despite a broken stay (which just "came off" in someone's hand!) some of the best ringing of the day was on the excellent eight at our last tower, Thatcham. A most successful outing made possible by Geoff Seaman's able organisation, the people who met us and fed us, good bells, good weather and a timetable that really worked. Many thanks to all concerned. R. G. B.

RECORD ATTEMPT FOR YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir—I wish to give notice that, by kind permission of the incumbent and local ringers at Accrington, an attempt will be made to ring 17,248 Yorkshire Surprise Major on Saturday, December 18th. Ringing will be conducted by Neil Bennett and will commence at 8 a.m.

The following ringers will take part: Neil Bennett, Jeffrey Brannan, John H. Fielden, Basil Jones, Alan McFall, Robert B. Smith, Giles B. Thompson, Brian J. Woodruffe.

The composition is by Richard J. Parker and is appended.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple, Cheshire.

17,248 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By Richard J. Parker		M	W	H	23456
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	—	—	—	—	34625
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	—	—	—	—	45362
	—	—	—	—	23564
2	4ths, Out	—	—	—	524736
	4ths, Out	—	—	—	453762
	4ths, Out	—	—	—	346725
	4ths, In, In, In, In	—	—	—	524673
	Out	—	—	—	265743
—		S	—	—	52364
—		S	—	—	463752
—		—	—	—	563742
—		—	—	—	35264
3	—	—	—	—	25463
3	Out	—	—	—	56234
	4ths	—	—	—	427536
	In	—	2	2	63542
3	—	—	2	—	56423
3	—	—	—	—	36245
3	—	—	—	—	56342
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"A"					23456

77 courses.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD Mansfield District

The Mansfield District meeting, held at Kirkby-in-Ashfield on November 27th, was a "great little meeting" well supported by our "regulars." The Kirkby ringers were excellent hosts and the young ladies were congratulated on preparing a most enjoyable tea in spite of the bakery strike.

During the business meeting a moment's silence was observed in respect to the late Vicar, the Rev D. A. G. Brinn, also to Mr. R. Lucas, of Warsop. K. Hill, R. Braddow and Miss J. Wood, of Kirkby, were elected ringing members.

The fine bells were used extensively in the interests of beginners at various stages, with rounds, "Original," Plain Bob and Grandsire, but a mysterious three-score of Double Grandsire and an extent of Stedman rounded off an extremely pleasant meeting.

Next meeting: Mansfield, District Annual, January 22nd. D. J. B.

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The Great Adventure through Australian Eyes

"RINGING TOWERS" for November has a complete coverage of Great Adventure II compiled by Editor W. B. Pitcher from reports by Basil Potts (Perth), Helen Henderson (Melbourne), Warne Wilson (Ballarat), Bill Robinson (Bendigo), John Smith (Hobart), Ivan Page (Canberra/Yass), Tom Goodyer (Sydney), Nelson Sloan (Christchurch) and Athol Caldwell (Hamilton).

Commenting on the visit the Editor writes: "Apart from the speed of their passage, we in Australia and New Zealand surely have no regrets and we hope and believe that this applies also to the Great Adventurers of 1965. For a great adventure it was, and a notable event in the history of bellringing on this side of the world. We had 11 accomplished ringers, and the charming wives of two of them, in our midst for almost five weeks, and it was our good fortune that included in their number were several whose reputations as outstanding figures in the Exercise was well established. For them it was a brief and hectic journey to the other side of the world to gain first hand knowledge of Australian and New Zealand ringing, to ring in all ringable towers—and perhaps to score on some particular tenors or in some particular towers.

For us it was indeed a notable event; one which will always hold a special place in our memories. It was a great pleasure to have the party with us, to entertain them in some of our homes and, of course, to ring with them. Practice times in most places were all too brief, but it was highly instructive to see the way the Great Adventurers went about things, to see their attitude to ringing, the way they dealt with difficult bells and to learn from them some aspects of belfrymanship (not in the Rodney Meadows sense!). They were

also ready to give us the benefit of their knowledge and experience and the amount of encouragement we received is incalculable.

Another difference between this and the previous tour is that today ringing in Australia and New Zealand is much more advanced than in 1934 and many of us were able to stand in with our visitors as equals to standard methods and beyond, with a resultant greater appreciation. There were few peals on eight bells or more that did not contain one Australian or New Zealand ringer in the band. Many of them, Jim Pipe in particular, were full of technical know-how, and one thing which quickly became evident was that our store of technical knowledge with regard to the bells themselves and their fittings is rather too slender. A direct result of this realisation is the commencement of a series of articles on steeplekeeping . . .

Of the friendships formed we need say little, except that if the strength of the ties can be measured by the amount of talk they will surely never be severed. This is as we hoped it would be. The fine spirit of fraternity prevailing between Australia and New Zealand towers now reaches much further afield and our interest in and understanding of matters pertaining to ringing and the spirit in which it is carried on in the Ringing Isles has been widened and deepened; and we think that the obverse is also true. The value of Great Adventure II to all who were associated with it cannot yet be estimated. The contacts made and the friendships formed will reach into the future. Ringing on this side of the world is at a stage where the visit has benefited us enormously and we shall not be surprised if some day we are able to look back and discern that certain worthwhile developments originated in the visit of 1965 of Tom Lock and his party on Great Adventure II.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Bicester and District Branch

Ludgershall, Bucks, has now an excellent ring of five, with a fourth cast by Richard Keene in 1658, thanks to the work of Mr. F. White, of Appleton. Because of this the Bicester Branch held its first annual meeting at Ludgershall on November 27th and enjoyed the ringing. The stairs to this tower are only suitable for the very slim; in consequence recruits will be taught on Piddington bells.

The Rector, the Rev. D. Wheaton, conducted the Guild service, and the lesson was read by Mr. F. Sharpe, with Mrs. Burnell as organist. Officers elected were: President, Canon W. Henry Trebble; vice-presidents, Mr. F. Sharpe and the Rev. D. Wheaton; hon. secretary, Mr. C. H. Kinch; Mesdames East and Faulkner were thanked for providing a first-class ringers' tea.

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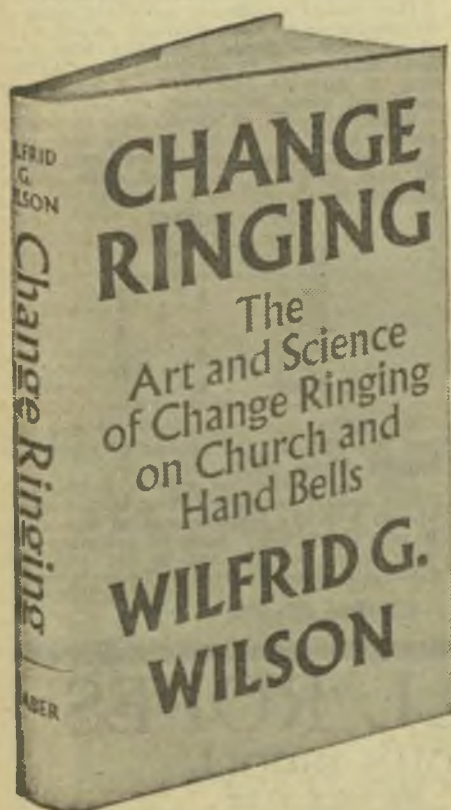
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Letters to the Editor

"CHANGE RINGING"

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed a little space (this time) to thank publicly Mr. Wilfrid Moreton for his review of "Change Ringing"? He had very clearly spent much time and trouble and used his expert knowledge both of ringing and of teaching over the task and has, like any honest reviewer, not shirked criticism.

I know, of course, that much was omitted—had the book included all I would have wished, its price would have been ten guineas and it would not have been published. As it is, it is longer and more expensive than the original intention of the publishers.—Yours faithfully,

WILFRID G. WILSON.

London.

ROPEMAKER'S VIEW

Dear Sir,—Mr. Duke's letter in your issue of December 3rd sums up very well the causes of wear in bell ropes, particularly at the fillet hole, for which there appears to be no cure. The only point with which I cannot agree with him is with regard to four-strand ropes; the breaking strain is less than a three-strand of equivalent diameter—I quote from Messrs. Wright's ropes leaflet on ropes in general.

From my experience the average life of a bell rope is six to eight years, but a lot depends, of course, on the amount of use, how many pulleys or guides the ropes pass through, and the climatic conditions.

I recently had a repeat order from a customer who has had his previous set for 19 years, but this is exceptional.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN NICOLL.

Ferndown, Dorset.

AN ANSWER TO A "DISGRUNTLED" RINGER

Dear Sir,—I think one should always restrain from making any undue criticism, but when a person "leads with his or her chin" then he or she should fully expect it to be hit.

I refer to the letter written by W. Bottrill ("Ringing World," page 795). He will surely receive a barrage of "punches" from the Canterbury area of Kent.

Mr. Bottrill says of himself "... I hope not unduly aggressive."—I wonder!!! Mr. Bottrill also says of himself that he offered "... friendly advice."—I wonder!!! Mr. Bottrill was told that he could be refused "permission to ring."—I wonder why!!! Mr. Bottrill says that he received "a grossly insulting letter."—I wonder why!!! Mr. Bottrill also claimed that not once in four years "did any member of the congregation ever speak to me."—I wonder why!!!

From the above points one can only assume that Mr. Bottrill will have us believe that he was always right and everybody else wrong.

In this particular area of Wiltshire there is an abundance of keen youngsters eager to learn the ancient art of change ringing. Some grasp it far more quickly than others, nevertheless they are all treated as human beings and not as pieces of machinery.

The only conclusion one can draw from Mr. Bottrill's letter is that he should fully examine his own limitations as a person and human being, because at the moment they outnumber the limitations of the Canterbury and district ringers by about 20 to 1.—Yours faithfully,

J. A. ABBOTT.

Seend, Wilts.

"HELP YOURSELF, PLEASE"

Dear Sir,—It is not laziness or selfishness on the part of the resident members that results in the shortage of ringers. I have examined the four points made by Group Captain Read. My views are:

(a) No band; no ringing at all.

(b) Agreed.

(c) Learning to handle a rope and ring more or less in rounds is not relatively easy. That is why many learners leave us. Give all the encouragement and co-operation, and you cannot make them stay with you.

(d) Agreed.

We have a very young and keen captain in Mr. Robert Lindsell, of Braintree. In the last four years he has been at the tower at 7 p.m. on Mondays for practices. In all, about 25 or more have been to learn, but some left after a year when able to ring a course of Plain Bob Major; only two of our old company are left who are able to ring. Of all the learners, no boys have stayed, but we have five very good lady ringers, two of whom can ring Surprise when we get help. We have eight bells. If all learners had stayed we should have had three companies. It is all right to talk about giving a pupil a few rounds—where are the other older ones coming from to help them? We have lost in the last few years a Surprise band, including my eldest brother, L. W. Wiffen. Our captain, Mr. R. Lindsell, could well take an honest passionate look at the records of his pupils with, after months of hard work only a few left. It is up to individuals to help themselves. —

Yours truly, ALBERT WHIFFEN.
Braintree, Essex.

VICAR BEST RECRUITING AGENT

Dear Sir,—Group Captain Read's article in last week's "Ringing World" (page 813) has prompted me to write supporting his cause. In his questions as how to encourage ringers to start, I have discovered that the best advertising agent is the Vicar. At Merstham, the bells were rehung and augmented to eight and the ringing level was moved down to the ground floor.

We faced two problems. Firstly, how could we raise a band to ring eight bells when we often had difficulty to find enough to ring the six? The Vicar's answer was to announce at all his services for a month during the rehanging of the bells, that ringers were wanted. The second problem was, what would the congregation think of having the bellringers on the ground floor? Events have shown that this has met no opposition. In fact, while the ringing is in progress prior to services, an interested group of people gather round to watch.

Youngsters came forward to learn at an amazing rate, and the experienced core of half a dozen ringers had a great deal of hard work in teaching them. There are now over 20 ringers capable of ringing rounds and call changes, and others still waiting to learn. Progress is being made in method ringing but the lack of enough trained method ringers slows the pace of advancement a little. Our tower captain welcomes learners and experienced ringers alike.

The answer, therefore, to Group Captain Read's letter seems to be to ask the Vicar to canvass support for the bellringers: the response should soon be forthcoming and of the right material to found a strong and reliable band.—Yours sincerely,

COLIN H. COOK.

Merstham, Surrey.

A STEEPLEKEEPER EXPLAINS

Dear Sir,—With reference to your correspondent's letter in "The Ringing World" of November 19th, re the life of bell ropes, I certainly agree that with care and attention bell ropes should last at least ten years. When John Royd speaks about ropes requiring splicing after only one year then something certainly requires to be done.

I think I can speak with a bit of experience as I was towerkeeper at one church for 27 years and at another for over nine years—and this is my method for looking after the ropes. In all I had four new sets—and I always treated them with linseed oil and tallow. Warm the tallow and mix in with the linseed oil to make it workable. Then rub the mixture into the ropes—starting just above the sally, and continue right to the end of the rope—giving an extra bit of attention to the part which is continually running through the wheel hole—and also to the portion of the rope which is exposed to the weather. This mixture should be well rubbed in. I have found this to be most helpful in obtaining the longest possible life from the ropes.

Of course the ropes should be continually inspected for wear—and if, as John Royd says, wear is noticed in the first year, then it would appear that something is wrong with the pulley or the wheel hole, and these may require attention. When I have noticed any wearing of the ropes, I have usually obtained a small roll of "Cling Fast" tape from one of the sports outfitters' shops and wound about a 6in or 9in. length round the worn portion—and this has usually extended the life of the rope considerably.

Of course a lot depends upon the quality of the ropes, as this can affect the length of the rope's life—I have always believed in getting a good quality rope from a recognised ropemaker—the last set I had cost £43 for a set of ten.

However, I am sure if John Royd will try the method which I have always used, he will extend the life of his ropes very considerably. —Yours, etc.,

E. H. SIMPSON.

Shipley, Yorks.

A BRISTOL COMPOSITION WANTED

Dear Sir,—I should like to offer a word of congratulation to those members of the Central Council Methods Committee who have been instrumental in producing the "Collection of Surprise Methods." It is a very good and useful publication.

Whilst in print, I should like to ask if readers know of any two-part (or even one-part) compositions of Bristol with only 45 to 50 bobs (fourth's place) and other similar qualities to the following three-part:—

4.992 BRISTOL			
By H. DAINS			
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32654	x	1	2
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By calling the third course of any one part 2M 2W 1H, the number of changes is brought up to 5,120.

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D. MOTTERSHEAD.

Wilmslow, Cheshire.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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OBITUARY

MR. A. PADDON SMITH

Birmingham has lost an outstanding public servant and ringer by the death of Mr. Arthur Paddon Smith on December 7th, aged 84 years. He was Lord Mayor of Birmingham in 1950 and during his year of office rang a peal of Stedman Cinques "in hand" in the Mayor's Parlour. In his younger days he was secretary of the St. Martin's Guild for 20 years and a C.C. representative for 40 years.

The funeral service was at St. Mary's Church, Handsworth, on Saturday, Dec. 11th. A memoir will appear in our next issue.

MR. WILLIAM PHILLIPS

The news of the passing of Mr. William Phillips, for over 50 years a member of the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos, Newport, and for many years Deputy Master, will be received with deep regret by the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, with whom he was an active member and at one time auditor.

Mr. Phillips was a Devonian by birth—West Down—and often spoke highly of the ringers and their standard of ringing. Six of his nephews, who acted as bearers, had travelled from North Devon. Members of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association rang the bells half-muffled to touches of Grandsire Caters and Triples before and after the service, which was conducted by the Dean of Monmouth, the Very Rev. R. Ellis Evans.

Truly 50 years' service is to be admired and a fine example to others. Whilst not a prolific peal ringer, he rang many; he was devoted to Sunday service ringing and regular at practice. His example and record will always be remembered and respected by those who were privileged to make his acquaintance.

P. R. M.

MR. JOHN WALE

The untimely death on November 21st of Mr. John Wale, after a short illness in hospital came as a great shock to members of the Leicester District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild of Bellringers and ringers at Blaby Parish Church, where he was a greatly respected honorary member. He was 55.

Mr. Wale was known to the ringers of Blaby as a dynamic man who gave his whole self to what he knew to be right. Although never wishing to take credit for the restoration of the five bells at Blaby in 1961, Mr. Wale was a prime mover of the work, and it was through his untiring enthusiasm that a young, enthusiastic team of ringers now exists. He was a life member of the Leicester Diocesan Guild and for a short period a committee member of the Leicester District.

As superintendent of the Blaby Church Sunday School Mr. Wale had to curtail his ringing activities in order to give his attention to the rapidly expanding Sunday School. Nevertheless, whenever the ringers wanted any advice Mr. Wale was only too willing to help.

In his address at the funeral, on November 25th, the Rector (the Rev. J. R. H. Prophet) mentioned Mr. Wale's activities in the church and expressed grief at not having many more happy years of serving God, together with Mr. Wale.

MR. ALBERT E. SCOTT

The Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild has suffered a great loss in the death, on November 23rd, of Albert ("Tubby") Scott, of Morton, at the age of 72.

A native of Morton, Albert had been a ringer at the Parish Church for over 50 years. He had taken part in 163 peals. A close personal friend of the late Horace M. Day, he took part in many of the Spliced Surprise Minor peals which Horace conducted, including the then record peal of 32 methods in 1936.

When ringing recommenced after the war he continued taking part in peals of Spliced Surprise conducted by Horace Day and later by Cecil Wade, a peal in 29 methods being rung at Morton in 1955. He was particularly proud of his 100th peal—Cambridge Surprise Major at Edenhall in 1953, conducted by Philip A. Corby.

Of a quiet and modest disposition, Albert was known as a first-class striker and a notable six-bell tenor man. Until prevented by ill-health, he had regularly attended the Saturday evening practices held in the Bourne District and most of his ringing friends, together with many from Morton, attended his funeral at St John the Baptist Church on Saturday, November 27th, following which he was interred close to the tower.

After the burial Morton bells were rung half-muffled. Finally six friends with whom he had rung peals rang a quarter peal of Single Court and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

MR. W. V. WEBB

For over 60 years Mr. Walter Vincent Webb, better known as "Walt," served as a chorister, ringer and member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild in four parishes. He was ever constant at practice and at church for service and ringing.

Walt was born at Blewbury, Berkshire, in 1894 and it was here that he started his ringing career under the steady guidance of that other faithful servant of the Exercise, the late Fred James, assisted by Tom East, of East Hagbourne. In 1914 he enlisted in H.M. Forces and was soon overseas on active service as a sergeant in the 4th Battalion of the Royal Berkshire Regiment.

On his safe return from the war he continued in the choir and ringing until 1922. He then moved to East Hagbourne, where he married the sister of another well-known ringer, Jim Butler. At Hagbourne Walt served in the choir and tower for another ten years. His next move was to Wallingford, and he again joined the choir and ringers at the nearby village of Brightwell.

For the last 25 years Walt spent a happy life at Sutton Courtenay with his beloved wife and daughter and grandson. He continued to enjoy a full life in the choir, tower and garden up to last July, when ill-health took the upper hand and he was only able to ring once on the bells after they had been rededicated. After weeks of severe

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REDEDICATION

ALL SAINTS', CODDINGTON

All Saints', Coddington, Notts, saw the culmination of a long dream when the bells were restored and rededicated by Bishop Mark Way on November 15th. Originally, five bells were housed in the squat stone tower but for many years these have been in poor condition and difficult to ring. Great credit is due to the local band who have rung the bells regularly despite the poor "go."

It was long felt that the old wooden frame should be replaced by a modern steel frame and the bells rehung with modern fittings with a new treble bell to complete the ring of six. An appeal was launched and within a comparatively short time from one source or another the whole of the money was raised and Bishop Mark Way had the pleasure of rededicating the bells in the knowledge that they were free of debt. The Barron Bell Trust generously gave the new treble, the Southwell Diocesan Guild contributed £50 from their Bell Restoration Fund and money in large and small amounts trickled in until the full amount had been raised.

After the dedication, Bishop Mark Way handed the ropes to the five local ringers, John Kirton, Derek Kirton, Derek Tysoe, Miss Jean Moore and Mrs. Joyce Phillips, who, with Mrs. Beryl Reed, the local District secretary of the Southwell Guild, rang the first rounds on the bells. Later, visitors from the Southwell Guild rang various touches and all pronounced the "go" of the bells excellent.

With a tenor of approximately seven cwt., the Southwell Guild has a fine new ring of bells, very similar to the sister church at Barnby-in-the-Willows. Assistance is forthcoming and plans are in hand to help train the local band in the art of change ringing.

J. W. R.

(Continued from previous column)

illness he died at his home on St. Andrew's Day, November 30th, at the age of 71.

The funeral took place at Sutton Parish Church on Thursday, December 2nd, when the Vicar paid a great tribute to Walt's wonderful love and devotion to his church and family.

Half-muffled tributes were rung in the evening on the bells at Blewbury, Hagbourne and Sutton Courtenay. We thank God for a life so full of love and devotion to his home and duty.

Alf.

Quarter peals rung half-muffled in memoriam:—

Blewbury. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Dunsden 1, H. Bishop 2, C. Corderoy 3, J. Grace 4, M. Bishop 5, R. Blond (conductor) 6, J. Napper 7, W. Corderoy 8.

East Hagbourne.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. White 1, Miss P. Hibbert 2, Mrs. P. Apin 3, L. Cox 4, C. Hibbert (conductor) 5, J. Hibbert 6, C. Garlick 7, E. Sawyer 8.

Sutton Courtenay. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Leyland 1, G. Allum 2, A. Webb (conductor) 3, G. Bishop 4, W. Hives 5, R. Leyland 6.

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AROUND ERIN IN TWO MINIBUSES



By a Lake in Galway.—Back row (left to right): Paul Coddington, Roger Coley, Stephen Taylor, Brian Tomlinson, David Baker, John Hallett, Jean Allen, Ron Warford, Margaret Whitehead, John Hartley. Seated: Ian Goldthorpe, Bob Mordaunt, Richard Tibbetts, Norma Coom, John Pilkington, John Rank, Roger Shea.

MANCHESTER University Guild's summer tour was in the Republic of Ireland and most of the party met at Holyhead on Friday, August 27th. The rendezvous was the foot of Nelson's Pillar, Dublin, 12.30 on Saturday, and here assembled 17 people, 10 being members of the Guild. Transport was provided by two minibuses.

The afternoon was spent buying provisions for the week. The first ring was that evening at St. George's, Dublin, where we managed a passable course of Bristol before retiring to Dublin Youth Hostel for the night.

A tour of Dublin towers was arranged for Sunday, starting at St. Patrick's Cathedral and followed by the nerve-racking ring at St. John the Evangelist R.C. Church. Here we climbed the iron staircase to a great height, in full view of the congregation, to find at the top an anti-clockwise ring of 10 and another English party on their last day in Ireland. We had great difficulty in ringing anything well, and quickly adjourned for lunch. Christ Church Cathedral followed and here we fared only slightly better than at St. John's.

The party divided for the afternoon, some preferring the hospitality of Tony Vere Hodge, who showed us round Trinity College, to a swim in the sea at Bray. An uneventful night was spent at Knockree Youth Hostel except for John Pilkington, who found his blankets inhuman.

On Monday we drove over the Wicklow Mountains to ring on the seven at Bray—they would have been a nice ring of eight if the tenor clapper had not fallen out the previous week. The second ring of the day was Arklow. Unfortunately some of the party had to leave early to arrange accommodation at Arthurstown before ringing at Waterfield Cathedral. As it was, a number had to sleep on the floor at Arthurstown Youth Hostel owing to lack of beds.

PEAL ATTEMPTS LOST

Two peal attempts had been arranged for Tuesday—Yorkshire at Kilkenny and Minor at Doneraile, 60 miles further on. At Kilkenny, where the bells were barely audible outside, but could be heard inside, the attempt came to grief after 2 hours 35 minutes. No sound was coming from the church when this party arrived at Doneraile, but a note read: "The key is in the pub, the nearest." It was, in fact, the second pub, with a happy band of bellringers who had given up their peal attempt after three false starts. That

night was spent in the palatial youth hostel at Cork, with hot water for those who were prepared to pay 1s. for the privilege.

The next morning we had a good ring at the Church of Ireland Cathedral, Cork. Because we lost our way we could only spend 20 minutes at Blarney Castle, where the ladies of the party kissed the Blarney Stone; the men declared they were not superstitious and refused. We rang after lunch on the nice six at Bandon. That night was spent at Killarney.

Different routes were taken on Thursday to Limerick, one via Kerry and the other more direct through Tralee. An hour was spent ringing at Mount St. Alphonsus before going to the Church of Ireland Cathedral, where we were locked in, but eventually found a key to a small door at the rear. The night was spent at Mountshannon, where all managed to get a roof for the night.

There was no ringing the next day. Lunch was at Galway, where the recently consecrated Cathedral was visited, and the night in Roscommon—some in accommodations, others in a minibus in a field, and Roger Shea in his own tent. It was raining most of the way to Drogheda on the Saturday. Here we met Mr. Fred Dukes, who had kindly arranged the towers for us, and many joined the Irish Association. Five-Spliced was rung in the tower and a 720 on handbells in the churchyard before returning to Dublin. The crossing to Holyhead was rather rough but we did try to cheer our fellow passengers by ringing handbells; they, alas, did not seem to appreciate our good intentions.

We are grateful to Roger Coley, who organised our end of the tour, and Mr. Dukes and all the Irish ringers who made us so welcome.

A. S. T.

BELLS OF INDIA

Dear Sir,—It may be of interest to Mr. Claude Rush re "Bells of India and Pakistan" that the eight bells of Colaba, Bombay, were (while I was stationed at the nearby camp) in 1944 chimed for Sunday services.—Yours faithfully,

Bridport, Dorset.

J. DAVIS.

SHALFORD, SURREY.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Nancy Butler 1. Mary Davy 2. P. Saunders 3. W. Enticknap 4. F. W. Housden 5. A. Hunter 6. D. A. R. May (cond.) 7. A. Rooke 8. In memoriam Leslie Hunter, captain of this tower for 36 years.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSN. INCREASE SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association has a rule that its president may not hold that office for more than three years consecutively and so at the last annual general meeting in Darlington Mr. E. P. Rock retired and Mr. W. Tyson, of Consett, was elected as his successor.

Mr. Rock reviewed the last three years and spoke of a happy term of office in which he noted several good things. The courses of instruction at Lumley Castle had gone from strength to strength and the social side had been catered for by the Christmas parties and the revived cricket matches. There had been activity in bell restoration and more was in prospect. Shincliffe, with about 20 ringers for three bells, was a shining example to other towers.

Mr. Tyson's membership of the Association goes back almost 40 years and his father had been a member before him. Mr. Tyson was greeted with enthusiasm and Mr. Tyson thanked those who had conferred the honour upon him.

Ringings took place at Heighington and the three towers in Darlington—St. Cuthbert's, St. John's and Holy Trinity. A service was held in St. Cuthbert's conducted by Canon Wansey, assisted by the incumbents of the other two churches.

The business meeting followed tea in St. Cuthbert's Hall. In the election of officers one new trustee and a new editorial secretary were elected in addition to the new president. Mr. N. I. Wright retired because of too many other commitments, and Mrs. Lee, better known until her recent marriage as Miss Elaine Murcott, was about to emigrate to Tasmania. Best wishes were expressed to Elaine and Frank for their future happiness. With the other officers re-elected, the list for 1965-66 is thus: President, W. Tyson; secretary, D. A. Bayles; treasurer, N. I. Wright; Ringing Master, K. Arthur; editorial secretary, K. W. Cheeseman; auditor, F. Ainsley; trustees, J. Anderson and T. Cooke.

Messrs. K. Arthur and D. A. Bayles were re-appointed as the Central Council representatives for the coming three years.

The peal report showed that 49 peals had been recorded during the year, 37 on tower bells and 12 "in hand." Morpeth was the most frequent tower of the 23 that had been used, and Michael Maughan was the leading individual ringer and conductor with totals of 32 and 19 respectively. Andrew Craddock, who rang in 29 peals had also conducted 11 out of the 12 "in hand." Among the 47 ringers involved there were 10 first-pealers. One peal was rung silent and non-conducted.

The Ringing Master and the secretary gave comprehensive reports on events throughout the year.

The treasurer presented the audited accounts. These showed that the overall balance had declined from £93 15s. 7d. to £75 3s. 4d. due mainly to the purchase of a new stock of badges, but the committee thought it desirable to increase income by raising the annual subscription from 4s. to 5s. and the non-resident subscription from 5s. to 7s. 6d. The first part had been passed at the previous meeting and the second part was given effect later that day.

Ten new ringing members and one clerical member were elected.

D. A. BAYLES,
Hon. Gen. Sec.

AFRAID OF LURKERS

Dear Sir,—May I beg a few lines as a call change service ringer for over 50 years. I have been to many District meetings and have heard good and bad, and I do think it would be far better if Wilfred W. Ring dropped into the tower ready to assist any learner in trouble than to stay lurking around outside seeking trouble. We all like good striking and I think we all try to get it. I am afraid that some young ringers will be shy to take a rope in fear of the lurking around and will be no help to service ringing or the Exercise.—Yours sincerely,

REG E. PELLET.

Woodchurch, Kent.

ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF MINOR METHODS

Compiled by H. CHANT

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WESTON ALLIANCE

x 14 x 16.34 x 34.1. 6ths 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

WHAPLODE SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 14 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 1. 6ths 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

WHICKHAM SPECIAL ALLIANCE

36.14 x 12 x 36.12 x 34.5. 2nds 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

WHISTON SURPRISE

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 36.12 x 34.1. 6ths 34625.

WHITE ROSE

See Evening Pleasure.

WHITLEY SURPRISE

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 1. 6ths 35264.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

WICKEN COURT

See Stedman's Slow Course.

WICKHAM SKEITH SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 16 x 12 x 16.34 x 12.3. 6ths 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

WIGGENHALL DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 123 x 14 x 3. 2nds 35264.
Single change method.

WILBURTON ALLIANCE

34.16 x 16.34 x 14.5. 2nds 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

WILFRID ALLIANCE

False cf. Ventnor.

WILLESBOROUGH SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 16 x 12 x 36.12 x 14.3. 6ths 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

WILESSEN DELIGHT

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16.34 x 34.5. 2nds 42635.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907. Also
called Grove Delight.

WILMSLOW DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 5. 2nds 64523.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

WINCHOMBE ALLIANCE

x 14 x 123 x 34 x 5. 2nds 42635.
Single change method.

WINDERMERE BOB

36.14 x 36.12.5. 2nds 35264.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

WINDSOR BOB

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 1. 4ths 62534.
Really a Delight method. In Annable's
notebook. See also Kettering Delight (II).

WINDSOR SINGLE (I)

See Annable's.

WINDSOR SINGLE (II)

x 16 x 16 x 16 x 16 x 14 x. 2nds 35642.
Asymmetrical. In Annable's notebook.
Also called Union Minor; cf. Triples.

WINDSOR TREBLE BOB

x 36 x 14 x 56 x 16 x 34 x 3. 6ths 52364.

WINTERTON ALLIANCE

x 16 x 16.34 x 14.3. 2nds 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

WISTASTON SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 16 x 12 x 36.12 x 34.1. 6ths 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

WITCOMBE ALLIANCE

x 16 x 12 x 123 x 12 x 3. 2nds 42635.
Single change method.

WONSTON SPECIAL ALLIANCE

36.14 x 12 x 16.34 x 14.3. 2nds 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

WOODBINE TREBLE BOB

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 1. 6ths 52364.
First appeared in Oxford Triple Bob in
"Campanologia," 1677; Old Oxford
Treble Bob in Annable's notebook.

WOODCOCK'S DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 1. 4ths 46325.
In William Woodcock's notebook. Rung
a great deal in the South Yorkshire area
early in the century. See also Darfield
Delight.

WOODCOCK'S VICTORY

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 5. 6ths 56342.
William Woodcock's notebook. No name
C.C. Collection 1907. Recorded as a
720 at Wath-on-Dearne December 25th,
1926, although probably rung earlier both
here and at Darfield. The only "regular"
method arranged by William Woodcock
that still bears the name he gave it.

WOODGROVE DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36.14 x 14.5. 6ths 34625.

WOODHEAD SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36.14 x 12.3. 6ths 52364.

WOODMAN'S EXERCISE

34.16 x 36.12.3. 2nds 36245.
In the notebook of J. E. Sykes.

WOODSIDE DELIGHT

See Elstone Delight.

WOOLER SURPRISE

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 3. 6ths 64523.

No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

WOOLWICH TREBLE BOB

x 56 x 16 x 56 x 16 x 34 x 1. 2nds 42635.

WORCESTER DELIGHT

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 36.14 x 14.3. 6ths 34625.
Published in "Clavis," 1788. Also in
Annable's notebook.

WORDSLEY ALLIANCE

x 14 x 16 x 14 x 5. 6ths 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

WORTLEY DELIGHT

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 16.34 x 14.3. 2nds 36245.

WRAGBY DELIGHT

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16.34 x 34.5. 6ths 64523.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

WRANGLE SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 14 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 1. 2nds 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

WRENTHAM ALLIANCE

34.16 x 36.14 x 34.5. 2nds 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

WYCLIFFE ALLIANCE

False cf. Ventnor Alliance.

"X"

XANTEN COURT BOB

Rung on handbells under this name, Feb-
ruary 22nd, 1965, but identical with
Magnus Double.

"Y"

YANLEY ALLIANCE

x 14 x 16 x 14 x 1. 2nds 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

YNYSTAWNE BOB MINOR

34.16 x 36.14.3. 2nds 65324.
Handbells, February 14th, 1965.

YORK DELIGHT

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 5. 6ths 34625.
Also called College Youths' Delight.

YORK MINSTER TREBLE BOB

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 5. 6ths 65243.
Found in Wm Woodcock's notebook, but
has been a great favourite for a long time.

YORK SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36.14 x 14.2. 2nds 35264.
"Clavis," 1788, also Annable's notebook.
Correctly named in C.C. Collection, 1907.

YORKSHIRE COURT

x 14 x 36 x 16 x 16 x 16 x. 2nds 56342.
Asymmetrical, 2nds place variation of
"Court Bob," both arranged by Hubbard
and found in his book. It was also in
Wm. Walker's Collection in "Bell News,"
1882. Snowden included it in his early
editions of "Standard Methods," but
pointed out in his 4th Edition that it was
false with an explanation as to why this
was so. It may be as well to stress that
all asymmetrical Minor methods are, under
ordinary circumstances, false.

YORKSHIRE GLORY

x 34 x 16 x 56 x 16 x 14 x 1. 6ths 56342.
Wm. Walker, "Bell News," 1882-3.

YOUTHS' EXERCISE

x 34 x 16 x 56 x 36 x 12 x 1. 6ths 42635.
Found in Addy's notebook, 1865.

"Z"

ZYLVERNE BOB MINOR

x 16 x 36.14.5. 2nds 65324.
Handbells, February 18th, 1965.
(Corrections to follow)

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Latest to complete the Surprise Major
alphabet in the Lincolnshire ringer, Raymond
H. Daw. Appropriately, he kept "Z" for
Zeals till last.We regret that we ascribed Whittlesey one
of the best rings of eight to Lincolnshire in
the report of Falmouth Surprise rung there
on November 1st. (See page 782.)A pair of gloves was left behind after a
quarter peal at Otley, Yorks, in October. Will
the owner communicate with Mr B. W.
Ashurst, 18, Inglewood Drive, Otley, giving
a brief description of the gloves.We are indebted to the Rev. Michael Free-
man Vicar of Goxhill, Lincs, for our front
page Christmas article. Mr. Freeman is
brother of the vice-president of the Central
Council.The Lincoln Guild has lost, with much re-
gret, a loyal supporter by Miss Valerie Hum-
phrys, of Sleaford, leaving to take up a
nursing appointment at Manchester Infirmary.
She took part in a farewell peal of Treble
Bob at Heckington on November 27th.Quarter peals of Yorkshire, Pudsey and
Lincolnshire Surprise Major were rung on
July 25th, August 1st and August 8th respec-
tively at St. Andrew's, Cambridge, conducted
by G. E. Thoday. The same conductor
called peals of Surprise Minor in two methods
at Harston and Sutton, Cambs, on October
13th and 31st respectively.Regarding the eight bells at St. John's
Church, Colaba Bombay, mentioned in our
last issue, Mr. F. J. Lewis, of Cirencester,
writes that he used to chime them for evening
service during 1917-18. "The bells were
hung for ringing but the wheels had not been
fitted. The Padre told me the tower would
not stand the strain. I believe Mr. Pat
Cannon visited there during the last war."

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"CONVERSATIONS" BY THE BELLS

On November 27th the bells of Caldicott Parish Church, Mon., were rung for the wedding of the daughter of the Methodist minister. There would be nothing unusual about this except that the wedding took place not in the Parish Church but in the Methodist Church. It is believed that this is the first time the bells of the Parish Church have been rung for a service of any sort in the Methodist Church, but the gesture reflects the greatly increased co-operation between the two churches recently. For the past five years a common magazine has been circulating to the extent of some 800 copies monthly.

When the bride's mother was overheard expressing a wish that her daughter should have the bells, the ringers readily responded to their Vicar's request to ring. The Vicar's wife was the liaison officer signalling the exit of the bride and bridegroom from their church. The letter of thanks from the bride's parents hangs in the ringing chamber as a proud testimony to the call of Caldicott bells to all within their sound to unite in worship of God and service of man.

SHENSTONE'S NEW BELLS PEAL

The recent peal of Doubles at Shenstone, Staffs, was the first peal on the new bells, but the last peal in the tower rung for the Stafford Archdeaconry Society was of Grandshire Triples, in March, 1937, when there was a ring of eight. In the early 1950's the old eight were exchanged for three bells from Loughborough, and in 1960 they were augmented to a "minor" five. A local company has rung the bells on Sundays since, and three of them took part in the peal, whose first it was. It is hoped, funds permitting, it will not be too long before the local company will add Minor methods to their present repertoire of Doubles.

ST. DAVID'S GUILD COMING-OF-AGE PLANS

St. David's Guild celebrates its 21st birthday in 1966, and a special meeting of the committee was held at St. Peter's Church, Carmarthen, on November 20th, to consider an appropriate commemoration. It was decided to produce a comprehensive handbook containing a history of the Guild, details of every tower, peals and quarter peals and articles of interest to ringers by well-known personalities of the Exercise. The handbook should be ready by the annual general meeting in September and orders should go to the secretary, Mr. R. C. Warburton. Approximate price, 2/6 to 5/-.

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES AT NEWCASTLE

Nine universities were represented at the meeting of the Northern Universities in the Newcastle area on November 27th, when the maximum temperature only reached 37 degrees. Ringing covered a wide compass from rounds to Cambridge Royal and Grandshire Cinques. Towers visited were St. Andrew's, Sutherland (10), St. John's (8) and the Cathedral (12), Newcastle. All Saints', Gosforth (10), Fenham (8) and Chester-le-Street (8).

Universities represented: Durham, Hull, Keele, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle, Nottingham and Sheffield.

GNOSALL CHILDREN AGAIN ON TV

The Gnosall St. Lawrence Junior Handbell Ringers, who are well known to viewers in the Midlands, will be making another appearance on the television screen on Christmas Eve. This time they will be seen on A.T.V. at 6.15 p.m. in the "Today" programme.

The filming and recordings were taken in the Collegiate Church of St. Lawrence, forming a most fitting setting. The children were filmed during the playing of three well-known carols, and judging by "still" pictures which have been sent to us by I.T.V., writes B. G. Key, the programme will contain some interesting shots of the east end of this picturesque church while showing these talented youngsters.

THE DIARY

Indispensable to all ringers is "Ringers' Notebook and Diary" and with each new edition there are improvements—corrections made to a false touch and the introduction of new ones. Because of production cost increases, the price has had to be raised slightly—6/6 for a plastic copy and 8/- for leather. The pages this year are a little wider to give better margins. To William Viggers and Maurice Hodgson the Exercise is indebted for a useful companion. When in doubt consult "Ringers' Notebook and Diary."

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY'S NEW OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the Oxford University Society on November 30th the following new officers were elected: Master, R. M. Heyworth (University); secretaries, Miss M. A. Welch (St. Hilda's) and A. P. Foster (St. John's); treasurer, W. R. Wharton (Jesus); steeplekeepers, R. A. Yeates (Christchurch) and S. K. Thompson (Hertford).

SUSPECTED TROUBLE AT BOSHAM

The six members of the band who rang a peal at Bosham, Sussex, on November 17th, arrived with several torches, a hurricane lamp, oil lamp and candlestick holders in case there was a power cut. On arrival they found that instead of a power cut the fuses had gone and so the peal was rung using two candles, a hurricane lamp and an oil lamp. Elizabeth Smith can say that she will not forget her first peal.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

A general meeting of the Liverpool University Society was held on November 19th to complete the election of officers for the session 1965-66. The following were elected: Deputy Ringing Master, D. F. Moore; committee member, J. White.

Miss Julie Lethbridge was elected Fresher representative earlier in the term, the other officers elected at the annual general meeting in May being: Ringing Master, J. J. Fox; secretary, Miss P. A. Freeman, 1, Hillside Road, Grange, West Kirby, Cheshire; treasurer, D. G. Wilford.

The Society is numerically stronger, although not as experienced as in past years. This year's summer tour was in Leicestershire.

A RECORDING FROM CALGARY

A tape recording of Calgary bells has been received by the Editor from Mr. J. M. Simpson, and introduced to him were members of the band who rang in the recent half peal of Grandshire Doubles. These included Miss Patricia Laycock, a Guildford school teacher, and Miss Wendy Nichols, from Sydney. A history of the bells was given by Judge Tavender, who rang the treble. Miss Judy Midgeley, who had been eight years in Calgary, spoke of the difficulties in making progress. The only time Grandshire Triples had been rung, she stated, was when they had visitors from British Columbia. John Muslewhite, who rang the tenor, has not yet reached his 14th birthday; he hopes to go to college to study music.

Mr. Simpson, whose address is 921-18th Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alta, Canada, is collecting recordings of bells and asks particularly for Tewkesbury Abbey. Mr. S. G. Ponting hopes to obtain for him recordings of Guildford Cathedral and other bells in West Surrey. Much of the recording was like a fireside chat of ringers, and records such as Brahms' "Lullaby" and "Bless This House" were introduced to give variety in a programme that exceeded 30 minutes.

MISAPPREHENSIONS

The Bishop of Buckingham is the Rt. Rev. G. P. C. Pepys, and he attended the East Berks and South Bucks Branch dinner-dance on November 20th, as president, in succession to the Rt. Rev. Gordon Savage (now Bishop of Southall). Mr. Ernest Gosling was not responsible for the decorations of the hall. The chairman, when he mentioned decorations at the dinner, was referring to the Branch plaque and the Guild and Branch Striking Certificates which Mr. Gosling decorated.

GROTON'S CHRISTMAS BROADCAST

Mr. Russell S. Young sends us three quarters of Stedman Triples rung by the boys of Groton School, Mass. He adds: "We are trying to perfect Stedman Caters now, hopefully for the Christmas broadcast."

"COMPLETED THE CIRCLE" AFTER 20 YEARS

The Warminster and Frome area Surprise Major practice band rang a peal of Yorkshire at North Bradley on November 27th. This enabled Eric Hitchins to "complete the circle" in the tower where he rang his first peal 20 years ago. Another member of the band said it was his first decent peal of Yorkshire, but perhaps it would be wise not to identify him for his own safety.

MR. SINKINS REMEMBERED

Bucks County Health Committee propose to call a new old people's home at Slough "Sinkins House." The reference is to Mr. Sinkins, who developed the Mrs. Sinkins pink, which he raised at Slough, where he was previously a workhouse master.

We, of course, know Mr. Sinkins better as a well-known ringer, at one time at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and later at St. Mary's, Slough, where he did much towards the adding of two trebles to make Slough the only ring of ten in Bucks.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

HILLINGDON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

Alan F. Thirst Treble	David T. Darby 6
Kenneth J. Hesketh 2	David P. Hilling 7
John Hill 3	Noel J. Diserens 8
G. William Critchley 4	Frank E. Darby 9
Antony R. Kench 5	Wilfred Williams Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, Preb. F. C. Tyler.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St. Alban.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

F. C. Hobson (St. John's) Treble	S. P. Darvill (Downing) 7
K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's) 2	R. W. H. Hayes (Caius) .. 8
K. J. Triplov (Selwyn) .. 3	F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's) 9
J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity) 4	V. Nutton (Selwyn) .. 10
A. S. Hudson (Clare) .. 5	S. C. Walters (Pembroke) 11
E. N. Thomas (St. John's) 6	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity) .. Tenor

Composed by Hadley Hunter. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.
Contains 6 courses backstroke, 8 tittums, 6 inverted tittums and 18 hand stroke.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARTHOMLEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bertoline.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

Joyce Grainger Treble	Harold Dowler 5
Norman Sherratt 2	Denis Latham 6
Felicity Webber 3	Paul J. Atkins 7
Geoffrey Gardner 4	Roy Worrall Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
First peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

EATON SOCON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

*Robert D. Bellamy .. Treble	James H. Edwards 5
George E. Bonham 2	Donald F. Murfet 6
Anthony H. Smith 3	Geoffrey A. Lucas 7
J. Richard Hough 4	George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 25th peal.

BUCKDEN, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Oct. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 15½ cwt.

Being 42 extents (four callings).	Tenor 15½ cwt.
George E. Bonham .. Treble	David E. Prescott 3
Edmund W. Wagstaff .. 2	Robert D. Bellamy 4
George E. Thoday Tenor	

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

Rung for United Nations Day.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MALDON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., Oct. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

Anne Edwards Treble	John Clark 5
Ian V. Foster 2	*Michael J. Cowling 6
Yvonne A. Murray 3	George E. Thoday 7
James L. Towler 4	*Peter G. Brown Tenor

Composed by J. M. Hadley Hunter. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 25th peal together

THAXTED, Essex.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb. in E flat

Yvonne A. Murray .. Treble	George E. Bonham 5
*Josephine A. Quilter .. 2	J. Richard Castledine .. 6
†Anne Edwards 3	*George E. Thoday 7
James L. Towler 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by M. S. Bruce. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* First of Major "inside" and of Surprise. † First in the method.
75th peal of Surprise as conductor.

GREAT DUNMOW, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Donald F. Murfet Treble	James L. Towler 5
*Peter G. Brown 2	Geoffrey A. Lucas 6
J. Richard Castledine .. 3	George E. Thoday 7
Jack S. Dear 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Ipswich, Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6½ cwt. in A.

Peter G. Brown Treble	*Yvonne A. Murray 4
*Rosemary A. Frith 2	George E. Thoday 5
Anne Edwards 3	James L. Towler Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* First peal in seven methods.

DANBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Tues., Nov. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of York London, Wells, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Peter G. Brown Treble	James L. Towler 4
Anne Edwards 2	Chris K. Cooper 5
*Yvonne A. Murray 3	George E. Thoday Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* First peal of seven Surprise † 125th for the Association.
Birthday compliments to Miss Marion R. Panton and Miss Yvonne A. Murray.

DOWNHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Fri., Dec. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 105 methods, viz.: (1) Stonehouse, Bramfield, Harmondsworth, Lamberhurst, Wordsley, Blaxhall, Ringstead, Iver, Hayes, Ellacombe, Mitcham, Beckford, Winchcombe, Sharnbrook, Stanhoe, Stratton and Buxton Alliance, Little Bob and Crayford Little Court (19 methods by A. G. Driver, arranged by C. A. Wratten), (2) Mendelsham and Tonbridge Alliance, Pontefract, Donottar, Alderbourne, Wath and Carisbrooke Delight, Childwall, Horsmonden, Thelwall, St. Clement's, College, Wavertree, Killarney, Lytham, London, Reverse, Fulbeck, Frodsham, Plain, Canterbury, Cumberland, Ennerdale, Double and Windermere and Belvedere Little Bob (26 methods by H. Chant), (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, London Scho'ars Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Gladstone, Hemsworth, Campanulla, Royston, Penistone and York Minster Treble Bob, Beighton, Appleby and Redcar Surprise, Chepstow, Balmoral, Danbury, Fotheringay, Hatherop, Skipton, Rostherne, Wilmslow, Sisted, Bogedone, Pebmarsh and Knutsford Delight (27 methods by H. Chant, arranged by A. Peake), (4) Dronfield, Retford, Minehead, Spalding, Purleigh and Quendon Surprise, (5) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Brantree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal and Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob (15 methods by A. G. Driver), (6) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham Surprise, (7) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise. Peter G. Brown Treble Dennis A. S. Symonds 4
Andrew S. Hudson 2 Joe E. G. Roast 5
Claire Dillamore 3 Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

Most methods yet rung to a peal by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

GREAT BROMLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. George.

On Thurs., Dec. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Double and Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.

Miss Leslie Ward .. Treble	Neil V. Avis 4
*Robert J. Isgar 2	Frank B. Lufkin 5
John Avis 3	Peter G. Pitt Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* Most methods to a peal.
Rung in memory of Leonard E. Sharp, of Kirby-le-Soken, life member of Essex Association.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

PETERCHURCH, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being one extent of Kent Treble Bob, and three each of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob, called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

John W. Hope Treble	*Thomas Bound 4
*W. John Clayton 2	Robert A. Hatcher 5
Frederick R. Harris 3	*Reginald Preece Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Hatcher.

* First peal of Minor in three methods.
Rung to celebrate the christening of Vivian David, son of John W. Hope, Master of the Clifford District.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREAT BERKHAMSTED, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

Roger D. R. Brown Treble	Christine M. Rimmer 5
Julia A. Fellows 2	Keith J. Walpole 6
*Susan D. Cowan 3	Andrew W. R. Wilby 7
Nina B. Thomas 4	Frederick W. Ellis Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Roger D. R. Brown.
* First peal on tower bells and first of Major.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SOUTHGATE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Stanley Jenner Treble	D. Paul Smith 5
Hilary A. Swallow 2	*Edward J. Jenner 6
Ann Jenner 3	John W. Smith 7
Hilary F. Hinde 4	Robert W. Hinde Tenor

Composed by John L. Morris. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* 125th peal. First peal in the method by all the band.
A birthday compliment to Andrew J. Corby.

GILLINGHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

*Shirley P. Town Treble	†Brian E. Jemmett 5
Martin L. Howe 2	Colin A. Tester 6
Olive D. Tester 3	Bernard F. L. Groves 7
†Peter S. Muchlinski 4	Christopher T. Osenton Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Major. † First of Surprise "inside." ‡ First in the method.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LANCASTER, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 6th place bobs	Tenor 31 cwt. 14 lb. in D flat.
Cyril Crossthwaite .. Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw 5
Christine Andrew 2	Jeffrey Brannan 6
Margaret E. Fort 3	Derek Butterworth 7
Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 4	Tudor P. Edwards Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

OSWALDTWISTLE, Lancashire.—At the Church of Immanuel.

On Sun., Nov. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 REAL DOUBLE SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

Cyril Crossthwaite .. Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw 5
Tudor P. Edwards 2	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 6
John P. Partington 3	Edward Jenkins 7
Margaret E. Fort 4	Derek Butterworth Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
First peal in this variation by all the band and for the Association.
The composition, composed in 1926 and comprising 282 bobs, is now rung for the first time.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MONKS KIRBY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Edith.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CHILTERN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24½ cwt. in D.

Malcolm E. Wade .. Treble	Howard C. Palmer 5
William A. Lacey 2	Samuel J. Haines 6
W. Ernest Rawson 3	Denis A. Frith 7
A. Maxwell Lindsey 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by William A. Lacey.
First peal in the method by all the band.

AYLESTONE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Tues., Nov. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

David G. Farrar .. Treble	S. John Haines 5
Sandra E. Chesterton .. 2	Brian S. Chapman 6
Russell S. Morris 3	Roland H. Cook 7
B. Stedman Payne 4	A. James Poynor Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by A. James Poynor.
Rung on the Patron Saint's Day, as a welcome to Rev. S. A. Jackson, who was inducted as Rector of Aylestone on Thursday, November 27th, 1965.

SAPCOTE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Dec. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's.	Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.
Frederick Watson .. Treble	Ernest W. Rawson 4
Michael E. Brown 2	Brian S. Chapman 5
Christopher M. Sturgess .. 3	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.
The conductor has now twice "circled" this his home tower, and called a peal of Surprise from each bell.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160 blocks and one 720. C.C.C. nos. 50, 57 and 32.

Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in D	
Timothy G. Pett .. Treble	John Pladdys 4
Anthony H. Smith 2	Robert E. J. Dennis .. 5
Michael W. Coleman 3	Roger D. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey
A birthday compliment to Derek Elderkin.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

HECKINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in E flat.

Norah M. Randles .. Treble	*Walter Weston 5
*Valerie R. B. Humphrys .. 2	George H. Randles 6
Jack L. Millhouse 3	Peter A. Sharp 7
John R. Ketteringham .. 4	Geoffrey R. Parker Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

FULNEY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Mon., Nov. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 ZEALS SURPRISE MAJOR

Janet E. Hubbard .. Treble	Alan G. Payne 5
Denis Woods 2	Brian Harris 6
Edwin T. Chapman 3	Cyril R. Burrell 7
Raymond H. Daw 4	George W. Massey Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by George W. Massey.
First peal in the method by all. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Nov. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 MARSHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. Edward Lankester .. Treble	Ruth M. Foreman 5
Joan Beresford 2	G. William Critchley .. 6
Claudia A. Critchley 3	Thomas J. Lock 7
Alick Cutler 4	John Hill Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
First peal in the method. Rung with 4th place bobs.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PULHAM MARKET, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Howard C. Palmer .. Treble	Peter Adcock 5
Richard D. Gibson 2	Leslie F. Bailey 6
*Robin Churchill 3	David E. House 7
Ronald Ducker 4	David S. Johnson Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by David S. Johnson.
* First "blow" in the method. First of Surprise Major as conductor. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-Part.	Tenor 16 cwt.
*Patricia E. Hibbert .. Treble	Norman H. Leslie 5
John W. T. Hibbert 2	Dennis A. Leslie 6
Clifford J. Garlick 3	John H. Napper 7
Frederick A. H. Wilkins .. 4	William Corderoy Tenor

Conducted by John W. T. Hibbert.

* 25th peal.

HIGHWORTH, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

J. Keith Ward .. Treble	*David Floyd 5
Edward R. Venn 2	Peter J. Heritage 6
Peter G. Holden 3	Anthony D. Sansom 7
James F. List 4	Frederick R. Scott Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by Edward R. Venn.
* First peal of Surprise Major. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

MARSHAM SURPRISE MAJOR.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THATCHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5392 GRANTA TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

Robert M. Ashman Treble	John C. Baldwin 5
Denby P. Murduck 2	Philip Murduck 6
Reginald W. Rex 3	Reginald F. Crook 7
Walter Hunt 4	Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
First peal in the method by all the band.

WEST WYCOMBE, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's trans. of Thurstans' Four-Part.	Tenor 16 cwt.
Sydney M. Bailey Treble	Michael Hatchett 5
Frederick R. Scott 2	*J. Keith Ward 6
Edward R. Venn 3	David P. Hilling 7
*Anthony D. Sansom 4	Giles R. Shedden Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

* First peal of Triples

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.

On Tues., Nov. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat

A. James Adams Treble	Frederick W. Soden 5
Edward R. Venn 2	Anthony D. Sansom 6
G. Robert Mordaunt 3	Charles Coles 7
Brian W. Hall 4	Peter J. Heritage Tenor

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by Edward R. Venn.

MIDGHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Thurs., Nov. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, and four extents of Plain Bob.	Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.
*Janet Butler Treble	†Maurice G. Ingram 4
Marilyn C. Smith 2	Frank W. Lewis 5
Reginald W. Rex 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal. † First in four methods.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

William J. Chester Treble	Patrick I. Chapman 6
Charles E. Truman 2	William A. Yates 7
Raymond A. Vickers 3	Frederick Vickers 8
Christopher C. Clarke 4	George W. Holland 9
Barry E. Saunders 5	James Linnell Tenor

Composed by John Cox. Conducted by William A. Yates.

NASSINGTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5160 DOUBLES

Being 43 extents in eight methods. (1) Winchendon Place, (2) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (3) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (4) St. Simon, (5) St. Martin, (6) April Day, (7) Plain Bob, (8) Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt. approx.

Alfred Waller Treble	Percy Amos 3
Ronald Russell 2	Raymond Daw 4
John H. Bluff Tenor	

Conducted by John H. Bluff.

Rung for the Festival of Remembrance.

WARKTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Edmund.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of St. Martin's and April Day and 12 each of Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Christopher N. Stephenson Treble	Keith R. Davey 3
Hilary Knight 2	Alan G. Payne 4
J. Martin Thorley Tenor	

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* First peal.

In memoriam Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, founder of the Yorkshire Association.

WHITTLEBURY, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Nov. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings).

Tenor 9 cwt.

David Burbidge Treble	William A. Yates 3
William J. Chester 2	James Linnell 4
Charles E. Truman Tenor	

Conducted by William J. Chester.
Rung in honour of the 100th birthday of Lord Penrhyn.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

ST. DAVID'S, Pembrokeshire.—At the Bell Tower of the Cathedral of St. David.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

J. Arthur Hoare Treble	*M. Jack Pryor 5
*Mary E. Pryor 2	Gwyn I. Lewis 6
*Raymond J. Hosking 3	*Brian J. Woodruffe 7
*John F. I. Turney 4	Edmund J. Morris Tenor

Composed by John Carter (Even-Bob One-Part No. 13).
Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. First of Stedman Triples on the bells. The conductor now completes Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in D.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. TEWKESBURY, Gloucestershire.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 27 cwt.

George E. Fearn Treble	Graham C. Paul 7
Iris M. E. Lemare 2	S. Clarke Walters 8
Susan Rothera 3	Norman J. Goodman 9
John A. Anderson 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry 10
Philip J. Rothera 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
Richard J. Parker 6	Ralph G. Edwards Tenor

Arranged by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D

Roderick W. Pipe Treble	Edward W. Colley 7
Muriel Reay 2	Michael J. Fellows 8
Norman J. Goodman 3	Eric N. Harrison 9
Martin D. Fellows 4	George E. Fearn 10
Graham C. Paul 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
George S. Deas 6	John A. Anderson Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Nov. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Mary Pryor Treble	John C. Eisel 6
J. Alan Ainsworth 2	Roderick W. Pipe 7
Graham C. Paul 3	*George E. Fearn 8
Norman J. Goodman 4	†Michael J. Fellows 9
Martin D. Fellows 5	Peter Border Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* 300th peal of Royal. † 300th peal.

SHIRLEY, Birmingham.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

Susan Chew Treble	Mark Androlia 5
W. J. V. Conduct 2	Paul McEvilly 6
Charles A. S. Webb 3	Alan Burbage 7
Michael Elson 4	David J. Purnell Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Alan Burbage.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BRADLEY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Norman G. N. Knee .. Treble	George W. Massey 5
David T. H. Robertson .. 2	Eric J. Hitchins 6
David A. Burt 3	Laurence E. Hitchins 7
Edgar C. Shepherd 4	*Frederick S. Slatford Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by George W. Massey.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

COLESHILL, Warwicks.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., Nov. 21, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
*Miss B. Sawden Treble J. Belshaw 5
J. C. Alexander 2 G. C. Cox 6
†Miss M. Hutchings 3 G. J. Lightfoot 7
M. Edwards 4 *R. A. Hutchings Tenor
Conducted by G. J. Lightfoot.
* First peal. † First "inside." † First on tenor.
Many ringers in other parts of the country will remember Keith Taylor's unobtrusive, happy helpfulness. Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
GREAT COMBERTON, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Single Oxford, four of Spliced Single Oxford and Plain Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.
Martin J. Boskett Treble Peter Robertson 4
Richard G. Bateman 2 Raymond J. Adams 5
Arthur C. Berry 3 James Attwood jun. .. Tenor
Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.
A 21st birthday compliment to Ian Lloyd, of Pershore.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
GUISELEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Ian North Treble *Robin Brown 5
Patricia Lockwood 2 C. Barrie Dove 6
Irvin Slack 3 Jeffrey P. Cooper 7
William Dixon 4 Allan Wear Tenor
Composed by W. Thornley. Conducted by Allan Wear.
* 25th peal for the Association. The fourth ringer has now "circled the tower."
Rung as a farewell to Mrs. E. Smith, who returned to Australia on the S.S. "Himalaya" on November 19th, after her first visit home for 46 years. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.
On Thurs., Nov. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.
*†Alan McFall 1-2 Gerald Moorhouse 5-6
Robert B. Smith 3-4 *Giles B. Thompson 7-8
Composed by Joseph W. Parker (C.C.C. No. 6).
Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Oxford T.B. Major on handbells. † 25th "in hand."

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION
HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the Belfry of SS. Philip and James' Church.
On Fri., Nov. 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.
*Maud Austin 1-2 | John T. Dunwoody (cond.) 3-4
†John Lindsay 5-6
* First peal in the method. † First in the method "in hand."
HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the Belfry of SS. Philip and James' Church.
On Fri., Nov. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.
Maud Austin 1-2 | John T. Dunwoody (cond.) 3-4
John Lindsay 5-6

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.
*Cyril S. Jarrett 1-2 Bernard F. L. Groves 5-6
*Christopher T. Osenton .. 3-4 Edward J. Beer 7-8
Stuart Sandford 9-10
Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Royal "in hand." First of Bob Royal as conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 21 extents Plain Bob, and 21 extents Grandsire. Tenor size 11 in G.
Joseph Whalley 1-2 | Mary Whalley 3-4
*Kevin Price (cond.) 5-6
* First peal in two methods.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrook Lane.
On Tues., Nov. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
*Gwen T. Bloomfield .. 1-2 Peter A. Sharp 5-6
Geoffrey R. Parker .. 3-4 Jack L. Millhouse 7-8
Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal on handbells. Tenor size 15 in C.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At Glebeland.
On Fri., Nov. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.
Gwen Bloomfield 1-2 Jack Bray 5-6
George E. Feirn 3-4 Michael W. Crowder 7-8
Composed by N. J. Pistow. Conducted by Jack Bray.

NON-ASSOCIATION.
LONDON.—At 4a, Ladbroke Square, W.11.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 1 Hour and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
*Edward D. Elderkin .. 1-2 | Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3-4
Robert E. J. Dennis .. 5-6
* First peal "in hand." Tenor size 14 in D.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LONDON.—At 4a, Ladbroke Square, W.11.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1965, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Double Bob and one each of Double Oxford and Single Oxford, two of St. Clement's, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.
Paul S. Royds-Jones .. 1-2 | Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3-4
Timothy G. Pett 5-6
LONDON.—At 4a, Ladbroke Square, W.11.
On Fri., Nov. 26, 1965, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent in each of the following seven methods: (1) Double Oxford, (2) College, (3) Reverse Bob, (4) Double Bob, (5) Oxford Bob, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.
Paul S. Royds-Jones .. 1-2 | Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3-4
Timothy G. Pett 5-6

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—All rung at Morawelon, Lon Derw, Tycloch.
On Thurs., Oct. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5052 SPLICED MAJOR
Being 780 Gainsborough Little Bob and 4,272 Plain Bob, with 130 changes of method. Tenor size 18 in G.
*Raymond J. Hosking .. 1-2 | J. Arthur Hoare 5-6
Brian J. Woodruffe .. 3-4 | Edmund J. Morris 7-8
Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal in this arrangement.
On Sun., Oct. 10, 1965, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 EVENING STAR DELIGHT MINOR
Being four different extents and a 2,160. Tenor size 14 in D.
Hazel Way 1-2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3-4
*J. Arthur Hoare 5-6
* 200th peal for the Guild. First peal in the method on handbells.

On Sun., Oct. 17, 1965, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 COVENTRY DELIGHT MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.
Hazel Way 1-2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3-4
J. Arthur Hoare 5-6
First peal in the method on handbells.
On Wed., Oct. 20, 1965, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 EVENING STAR DELIGHT MINOR
Being four different extents and a 2,160. Tenor size 14 in D.
Hazel Way 1-2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3-4
J. Arthur Hoare 5-6

On Wed., Oct. 27, 1965, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DISLEY DELIGHT MINOR
Being four different extents and a 2,160. Tenor size 14 in D.
Hazel Way 1-2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3-4
J. Arthur Hoare 5-6
First peal in the method on handbells.
On Sun., Oct. 31, 1965, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 WALSHINGHAM ALLIANCE AND LITTLE BOB MINOR
Being seven differently spliced extents, 30 changes of method. Tenor size 14 in D.
Hazel Way 1-2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3-4
J. Arthur Hoare 5-6
First peal of Alliance and Little Minor by all and for the Guild. Believed to be the first peal in the methods.

On Wed., Nov. 3, 1965, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SHELFOED DELIGHT MINOR
Being four different extents and a 2,160. Tenor size 14 in D.
Hazel Way 1-2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3-4
J. Arthur Hoare 5-6
First peal in the method on handbells.

DATE TOUCH

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 4th, 1965 Stedman Triples (comp. by J. Topp): P. Hull 1, Miss S. Hallett 2, Mrs. A. Short 3, Miss M. Legg 4, V. Roberts 5, G. Salmon 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, R. Short 8.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 21st, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, Amanda Powell (first of Surprise) 2, Katharine Macve 3, Carol Cousins 4, C. H. Macve 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, on Nov. 28th, conducted by E. G. H. Godfrey.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Remembrance Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 3 leading): J. Cuss 1, T. Gilligan 2, J. Oliver (first quarter) 3, H. Craig 4, A. Palmer 5, F. Read (cond.) 6, G. Newman 7, L. Foote 8. Rung half-muffled.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Painter 1, Miss M. Westwood 2, M. J. Mulvey 3, S. Larcombe 4, M. W. Faircy (cond.) 5, C. Gall 6. Rung half-muffled on the day of the funeral of Mrs. C. Westwood, member of the P.C.C., mother of the ringer of second.

ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): A. Hoar 1, L. Tremere (cond.) 2, Prisca Hornby 3, Kay Tremere 4, W. Bone 5, R. Thomas 6, R. Collis 7, J. Huggins 8. First quarter 6 and 8. For Alresford Deanery Evensong.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Pettit (first quarter) 1, J. Orme 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, J. Dear 4, D. Salisbury 5, E. Buck (cond.) 7, S. Hutton (cover). Also on Nov. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples R. Pettit (first of Triples) 1, J. Orme 2, J. Dear 3, M. Orme 4, D. Sutcliffe 5, R. Castledine 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, S. Hutton 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul, on Dec. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Miss S. Clifford 1, Miss J. Webber 2, Miss C. Mitchell 3, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 4, D. C. Hawkins 5, A. Swatton 6. For Morning Prayer.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,250 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: Elizabeth J. Foster 1, Ann Harris 2, J. G. Hallett 3, R. C. Woodward 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5, P. Woolven 6, S. Humphrey 7, D. R. Ingram 8. First quarter in the method for all except D. Ingram. Rung by the Nottingham University Society for morning service.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Bourner 1, H. Pavne 2, F. Goodearl 3, Miss C. Wood 4, H. Deacon 5, L. Sweatman 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, R. Benstead 8. For Missions Sunday.

BISHOP'S SUTTON, HANTS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dorothy Huggins (first quarter) 1, Prisca Hornby 2, A. Hoar 3, Kay Tremere 4, L. Tremere (cond.) 5. Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. W. Dunsden 1, H. L. Bishop 2, C. Corderoy 3, E. J. Grace 4, M. Bishop 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, J. H. Napper 7, W. Corderoy 8. Half-muffled in memory of Walter V. Webb, of Sutton Courtenay, one time ringer at this church, whose funeral took place this day.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's, on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Walter (first quarter) 1, M. Simons 2, G. Breatley 3, M. Gilbey 4, M. G. R. Zobel 5, D. B. Williams (cond.) 6. By the U.B.S.C.R. for Matins.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Great, on Oct. 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: P. H. Pigg 1, J. W. R. Quinney 2, H. J. F. Muncey 3, C. R. F. Muncey 4, B. D. Threlfall 5, C. M. P. Johnson 6, P. D. Laurence 7, E. G. Hibbins 8, T. R. Dennis 9, H. C. Foster 10, P. J. Bergfahl (cond.) 11, S. F. Brown 12.

CATTISTOCK, DORSET.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Gorringe 1, E. Gorringe (first of Minor) 2, J. W. Rose 3, B. Kerr 4, G. Abbott 5, E. H. Amey (cond.) 6, H. Gorringe cover. A compliment to George and Mrs. Gorringe, on their 23rd wedding anniversary.

CAWTHORNE, BARNESLEY.—On Nov. 27th, 1,440 T.B. Minor: I. Crossland 1, A. Dunn-Birch 2, H. Rusby 3, P. Carbutt 4, N. Moxon (cond.) 5, H. Mann 6. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Broadhead.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Dec. 5th, 1,440 Doubles (five methods): Judith Skinner 1, Carol Wickens 2, J. Nicholson 3, E. Brazier 4, I. Wickens 5, A. J. Ede 6. Conducting shared by all except the treble. Rung for the retirement of A. J. Ede, former captain. Also for the Patronal Festival, and birthday of ringer of 5th.

QUARTER PEALS

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 5th, At the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,440 Kent T.B. Royal: N. S. Bagworth 1, R. Davies 2, D. G. Brown 3, E. J. Razzell 4, N. G. Steere 5, K. Taber 6, M. Parry 7, R. G. Abbott 8, R. G. Stevens 9, F. E. Collins (cond.) 10. First T.B. Royal 5, 6, 7 and 9.

CHARING, KENT.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Diana M. Bradford 1, Mrs. P. T. Robbins 2, Rhian N. Bagshaw (first as cond.) 3, P. J. Bagshaw 4, Rev. P. T. Robbins 5, J. L. Anderson 6.

CULHAM, OXON.—On Nov. 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: M. Hutchinson 1, Heather Alford 2, E. C. Turner 3, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 4, M. J. Hiller 5, A. J. Howes 6. For the christening this day of David Julian Albion James, son of the Vicar, by the Dean of Westminster.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: C. N. Stevenson 1, Mary Coleman 2, B. Yeomans 3, G. Wright 4, Mrs. A. Loake (first "inside") 5, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 6.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Nov. 21st, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods/var.): P. Whale 1, R. Fisher 2, Pamela Osborne 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. Barrett 6. For Evensong.

EALING, MIDD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Wilson (cond.) 1, M. Thomas 2, A. M. Stacey 3, Susan Davis 4, F. Ramsom 5, M. Sprackling 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, F. Bishop 8.

ELING, HANTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Mrs. G. D. Northway 1, J. Hartless (cond.) 2, Ronda M. Purkess 3, D. C. Jackson 4, B. M. Mackrell 5, T. Matcham 6. First quarter Stedman Doubles for all except 4. First in method on bells.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Cowley 1, Miss J. Clipstone 2, E. C. Buckley 3, K. J. Chapman 4, C. E. Richardson 5, D. G. Pearson (cond.) 6, E. J. Chapman 7, L. J. Woods (first quarter) 8. For Evensong, and in memoriam John R. Main, 28-11-60.

GROTON, Massachusetts, U.S.A.—Three quarters of Stedman Triples—On Oct. 24th: David C. Noyes III 1, Gardiner H. Fiske 2, Richard S. Minturn 3, Warren Motley II 4, C. von E. Deering 5, Hugh Auchincloss III 6, Vilray P. Blair III 7, Thomas L. Dibbles 8. Same band on Nov. 14th, and on Nov. 17th one change, Erich O. Braiden back on third. All conducted by Russell S. Young.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Whitby 1, J. Collins 2, R. Hayden 3, F. Hoar 4, R. Walker 5, J. Aley 6, W. Aley (cond.) 7, J. Smith 8. Rung prior to a service commemorating the diamond jubilee of the bells, dedicated All Saints' Day, 1905.

HARTING, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 4th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: K. Sansom 1, M. J. Uphill 2, Lesley Read 3, Deborah Hopkins 4, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 5, D. M. Hughes 6. A compliment to M. J. Uphill, on the eve of his birthday.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 28th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. P. Brain 1, S. J. Hammond 2, Alice E. J. Lester 3, R. C. Groom 4, C. S. Bloomfield 5, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 6. For Advent Sunday. Also for the christening of Lawrence Michael Bloomfield, grandson of the ringer of the fifth.

HERTFORD.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grand-sire and Plain Bob): 7, 6, 8 covering: B. Foley 1, J. Thorn 2, Lillian James 3, C. Springham 4, S. James (cond.) 5, V. Tubby 6, Gwyneth James 7, J. Kemp 8. A tribute to the Rector (Rev. R. H. Gill) and Miss M. Hickman, on their wedding day.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. J. Salisbury 1, G. Cecil 2, M. Bland 3, C. E. Wright 4, J. Fowler 5, C. Pain 6, J. McDonald 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janette R. Kipling 1, R. E. Peckham 2, R. M. Cox 3, H. W. Evans 4, J. M. Hills (first "inside") 5, D. J. M. Cox (first as cond.) 6. Rung by St. Katharine's Society.

LEEDS, YORKS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: M. J. Denton (first quarter) 1, Susan Jackson 2, A. Cole 3, R. H. Dove 4, C. B. Dove (cond.) 5, D. Astridge 6, R. Brown 7, D. Cox 8. Rung on the back eight after unsuccessful peal attempt.

LINBY, NOTTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,272 Reverse Canterbury Minimus: G. A. Dawson 1, D. Surman 2, S. Humphrey 3, I. Smith 4. Rung for Miners' service, and as a compliment to the men of Linby colliery on the production of the millionth ton of coal for 1965.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At St. Michael and All Angels', on Remembrance Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): K. Farmer 1, Dorothy M. Groves 2, Christine C. Youens 3, M. L. Howe (cond.) 4, P. S. Muchlinski 5, B. Harden 6. Half-muffled.

NORTON-JUXTA-MALTON, YORKS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: S. Frances Chapman 1, Christina Folks 2, Jennifer Pearce 3, R. Smith 4, R. Joy Watkin 5, D. J. Hopkinson 6, D. J. Jones 7, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 8. First in method 1 and 7. A belated 21st birthday compliment to Miss J. Kirk by St. John's College, York, Ringers' Society.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Nov. 28th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,299 Stedman Catens: D. R. Boul 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, T. G. Myers (cond.) 3, D. F. Wheeler 4, H. F. Myers 5, H. W. Milford 6, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 7, J. W. Perkins 8, A. W. Myers 9, W. H. Marks 10. For Evensong.

RIFFLE, WORCS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Gainey 1, R. Hill 2, B. Spiers (cond.) 3, C. Hallings 4, J. Bennett 5, J. Mead 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss J. Gainey.

SANDFORD, OXON.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. Gibbons (first quarter) 1, L. Porter 2, Elizabeth Barber (first of Doubles) 3, P. Coad (first in three methods) 4, R. Jones (cond.) 5. Rung for Advent.

SHENSTONE, STAFFS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: P. Southgate (first quarter) 1, Audrey Birch 2, Janice McDonald 3, D. Starkey 4, P. Sheldon (cond.) 5.

SOUTH CROYDON.—At St. Peter's Church on Nov. 29th, 1,277 Grandsire Catens: E. W. Vowles 1, Miss V. Potter 2, Mrs. H. Oatway 3, R. Stevens 4, W. Oatway 5, A. J. Purkiss 6, K. Taber 7, N. Steere 8, R. Davies (cond.) 9, W. G. Brownett 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Peter S. Davis.

STAPLEFORD, NOTTS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,320 Spliced Surprise Minor (Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet): R. C. Woodward 1, Ann Harris 2, I. V. J. Smith 3, P. Woolven 4, D. R. Ingram 5, S. Humphrey (cond.) 6. First of Spliced Surprise by all except the 5th. By the Nottingham University Society. Also by the Society, 1,317 London Surprise Minor at Beeston on Nov. 14th, and 1,320 Minor (Cambridge and Kent) on Nov. 11th, to celebrate, the deliverance of Beeston from Nottingham C.C.

STOGBURSEY, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Davis (cond.) 1, W. Smith 2, F. Fackrell 3, J. Aldridge 4, R. Somerfield 5, Rev. M. Lewis 6.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,280 Plain Bob Triples: Linda Dent 1, M. A. New 2, R. Fry 3, Sheila M. Haskins (first of Triples "inside") 4, R. J. White 5, D. White 6, A. R. Peake (cond.) 7, H. A. Austin 8. First of Triples 1 and 6. For Confirmation and Evensong.

THROWLEY, KENT.—On Nov. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (7 and 8 covering): T. Keeler 1, P. Harrison 2, Miss C. Bouldin 3, K. Davis 4, M. Harrison 5, R. Button (cond.) 6, W. Edps 7, G. Thompson (first quarter) 8.

WALKERVILLE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Philippa M. Lamphce (first of Minor at first attempt) 1, P. L. D. Ewens 2, D. J. Gambling 3, R. G. Stevenson 4, R. K. Russ 5, R. S. Jolly (first quarter as cond.) 6.

WALKINGTON, YORKS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Eileen M. Haynes 1, G. E. Drew 2, H. C. Palmer 3, J. M. Brooks 4, G. K. Smith 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge Surprise for 2 and 4. To celebrate the birth of a son to the ringer of the fourth.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth Thompson (first quarter) 1, C. E. Truman 2, W. J. Chester 3, J. Linnell 4, B. R. Eglesfield 5, B. E. Saunders 6, G. E. Green (cond.) 7, O. Taylor 8.

WILBURTON, CAMBS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,440 Doubles (four methods): R. P. Turnill 1, D. F. Murler (cond.) 2, G. Markwell 3, B. B. Hullah 4, A. Yarrow 5.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,320 Minor (Norwich and Cambridge): G. Pearson 1, G. E. Crisp 2, K. J. Heskeith 3, S. Brown 4, D. F. Murler 5, G. E. Thoday (cond.) 6.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 21st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Sharples 1, P. S. Oliver (first in method) 2, Mrs. C. J. Rees 3, J. D. Smith 4, N. D. Lomas 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. J. Drabble (first quarter, aged 13.) 1, P. C. Hassan (first quarter, aged 12) 2, R. J. M. Grosvenor 3, P. Catermole 4, D. G. Franklin (first as cond.) 5, J. S. Rastall 6. Rung by the King's School Society, Worcester.

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DEATH

YOUNG.—Priscilla, wife of H. V. Young (Brig.), suddenly, on November 29th, 1965. 8160

IN MEMORIAM

TOMLINSON.—In loving memory of my beloved husband, Norman Arthur, who fell asleep December 16th, 1963. Still sadly missed by his wife, Phoebe. 8143

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

DUNSTAN.—The address of Kenneth R. Dunstan is now 18, Gallows Hill Lane, Abbots Langley, Watford, Herts. Telephone: King's Langley 3468. 8158

HARRIS.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. B. Harris will be 3, Bankfield Avenue, Rope Lane, Wistaston, Crewe, from December 22nd, 1965. 8150

WOOLVEN.—The address of H. W. Woolven will be 12, Coniston Close, Sompington, Lancing, Sussex, as from December 19th. 8166

PERSONAL

CRANE.—Congratulations and best wishes, Neville, on your 21st birthday on the 18th.—From Jan and all fellow-ringers at Milton Regis. 8157

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.—Isaiah xl, 31.

MISCELLANEOUS

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—Commencing on December 31st, the weekly practice will be held on Friday evenings from 8 to 9.15. 8147

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL.—There will be no Monday evening practices on December 20th or 27th next, or any first Monday in any month. Peals: Only four per annum—1966 booked up, but last year's applicants should now re-apply to C. M. Smith, 29, Dimbles Hill, Lichfield, Staffs. Tel. LICH 4539. 8068

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Wednesday's recital will be given by Clive M. Smith and will include national airs, music by Bach, Mozart and Handel, with change ringing intervals between well-known carols. 8162

WANTAGE, BERKS

In future the practices on Tuesdays—7 p.m. to 8.45 p.m.—will be devoted mainly to beginners, except on the first Tuesday in each month, when a more advanced practice will be held. All visitors welcomed. 8174

MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry District.—Meeting, December 18th, Nuneaton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Sorry, no tea available—cafes nearby.—A. G. Eveleigh. 8148

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—A.G.M. at St. Peter's, Derby, on December 18th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—M. A. Willis, Dis. Sec. 8129

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Radlett, December 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. W. M. Clouston, 1, Canons Close, Radlett.—R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 8122

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, December 18th, Great Amwell, commence 6 p.m. All welcome.—Peter M. F. Searles, Dis. Sec. 8142

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, December 18th, St. Lawrence Jewry. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and business in Staff Luncheon Room, Guildhall. Evening ringing at St. Andrew's, Holborn, from 6.45 p.m. to 8.15.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 8100

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ringers' Social at Bramford, Saturday, December 18th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets 5/-; schoolchildren 2/6. Good entertainment, good refreshments and good company. All welcome; don't miss it. Would all raffle ticket sellers please return counter-foils to H. W. Egglestone.—W. L. 8064

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Tolleshunt D'Arcy.—Rededication of the bells of St. Nicholas' Church on Tuesday, December 21st, at 7 p.m. All ringers and friends are invited to attend.—R. W. Leavett, Committee Representative. 8167

ST. PETER'S, NOTTINGHAM.—Dedication new bells Christmas Eve. 3.15 p.m., short service in belfry; 4, Evensong, followed by ringing, providing work on tower foundation is complete. All welcome. Inquiries to D. Stainsby, 376, Loughborough Road, West Bridgford. Tel. Nottingham 233566. 8159

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Next meeting at Southam on January 1st. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing as usual. Names for tea as soon as possible to Bob Sherriff, 20, Warwick Road, Southam. Special method: Bristol.—P. S. Bennett, Sec. 8161

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

When the West Dorset Branch held its annual general meeting at Beaminster on November 27th the Vicar, who conducted the service, gave an interesting talk on the bells, mentioning that the present ring of eight was cast in 1765 from the metal of the old five by Thomas Bilbie in a weaver's shed at the back of the churchyard. Local ringers provided an excellent tea.

At the request of the chairman (Mr. C. W. Powell) members stood in silent tribute for Canon Carew Cox, Messrs. E. Bailey, T. Gunning and Mrs. V. Keetch, who as Mayoress of Bridport attended the last annual meeting. The secretary's report stated that membership was 128 ringing (an increase of six) and seven honorary. Symondsburys tower was welcomed to the Branch.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. C. W. Powell; vice-chairman, the Rev. G. V. Syer; hon. secretary, Mr. T. Davis; Ringing Masters, Messrs. H. W. D. Bishop, H. Keeley and F. Knight; committee, Messrs. J. T. Barrett and D. Ellery. It was unanimously agreed that the spring meeting held annually at Bradpole be the Langford-Beams-Cox memorial meeting. A programme of meetings was approved.

WHAT ABOUT CHANNEL ISLANDS?

Dear Sir,—In "Belfry Gossip" on page 799 Mr. Alan Carveth's peal band claim to have rung peals in the most southerly and westerly towers in the British Isles by ringing at Landewednack and Sennen. I would point out that in fact there are three rings in the Channel Islands, a six in Alderney, and a six and an eight in Guernsey, all of which are well to the south of Landewednack. Also, many of the Irish towers (though not all) lie to the west of Sennen, so neither of these claims is correct.

If, however, the band had made the same claim about Great Britain instead of the British Isles, they would have been correct.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT E. J. DENNIS.

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LATE NEWS

We regret to report the death of Mr. Reuben Sanders. A memorial service was held at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Monday.

Mr. W. B. Coles will be broadcasting in the Home Service on Tuesday, December 21st, at 4.45 p.m., on "Handbell Ringing." Handbell ringing will be heard from Mrs. Hughes, Appleton Handbell Ringers and American Handbell Choir.

Christmas Greetings

"The Ringing World" Committee join the Editor and staff in wishing all readers a happy Christmas. May the joy of ringing Christmas bells be in the hearts of all who ring and their families.

TO AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND RINGERS

Tom Lock and other members of Great Adventure II send their warmest greetings to all members of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Change Ringers. May happiness attend you and your families this Christmas and may your changes ring true throughout 1966. Your many kindnesses are remembered with affection. 8139

Merry Christmas to all at home and faraway places from J. S. ARMSTRONG, Morpeth. 8144

To all ringing friends everywhere, at home and abroad. A merry Christmas and a happy New Year is the sincere wish of JIM BENNETT, Grundisburgh. 8104

A merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all my ringing friends. — A. G. BISHOP, 12, Worple Avenue, S.W.19. 8145

To all my ringing friends I extend my very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.—E. T. PAUL FIELD, 17, Stonehill, Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Somerset. 8163

Christmas greetings to Lester Gray, Edward Jenkins and all my other ringing friends.—GEORGE FINCH, Marlesford, Suffolk. 8138

Mr. and Mrs. P. HARDING, of Catherington, Portsmouth, send greetings and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends, especially members of Winchester and Portsmouth and Sussex Guilds. 8153

Mr. and Mrs. C. HOLAWAY, Lindsay Court Guest House, Carbis Bay, St. Ives, Cornwall, wish all their friends and guests the compliments of the season. Best wishes for 1966. 8118

Christmas greetings to all the Aldershot war-time handbell ringers, also Eileen and Hazel. Happy memories of Lynchford Road and Highfield Gardens.—HAROLD. 8117

Mrs. D. JAMES, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.—Greetings from the S.D.G., North Notts District, and thanks for your telegram to Rampton on the occasion of the Oswy Street Cup Contest. 8173

Christmas greetings to all members and friends of the Sussex County Association, remembering especially at this time those no longer able to ring.—From REG JOHNSON, Master. 8164

All best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all my ringing friends, with good ringing. — From HERBERT W. KNIGHT, 6, Church Road, Redhill, Woking. 8114

Christmas greetings and good wishes for 1966 to all ringing friends from C. LONG-HURST, West Grinstead. 8154

A very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all, from DAVID. FRANCES, GEORGE and HILDA MASSEY, Hurst, Spring Gardens, Frome, Somerset, and from MRS. D. MASSEY, Claygate, Surrey. 8121

The ringers of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, send Christmas greetings to all their English friends, and especially to the Great Adventurers. 8109

To all friends, far and near, a very happy Christmas, and may the bells ring out their message of peace and goodwill, everywhere. —N.S.T.G. (Nailsea, Zimmersset). — D. D. Strong. 8155

Christmas greetings to ringing friends near and far. Hoping to see you all in 1966. — From PETER and JEAN MINCHIN at Swindon. 8172

Mr. C. MOXON, of 13, Cemetery Road, Hemsworth, Pontefract, Yorks, thanks all ringing friends who made kind inquiries about him during his ten months in hospital with a fractured leg. Now at home, he sends them best wishes for Christmas and New Year. 8149

Christmas and New Year greetings to all my ringing friends, everywhere, from THOMAS G. MYERS, formerly of Regent Street, and now residing at 10, Connaught Avenue, Mutley, Plymouth, Devon. 8171

Greetings to all friends, old and new, far and near, and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. — CHAS. and M. SEDGLEY, 61, Belvedere Road, Ipswich. 8171

All good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to our Editor and his associates, coupled with good health and good luck to all ringing friends.—WILLIAM SHEPHERD, Addlestone, Surrey. 8131

MR. J. FRANK SMALLWOOD sends sincere wishes to all ringing friends for a happy Christmas, and good health, prosperity and good ringing in 1966 — 5, Stanton Close, Darley Dale, Matlock. 8116

Very best wishes to all my ringing friends for a merry Christmas and very happy New Year.—EVELYN STEEL, Biddenham. 8169

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all our ringing friends. — From MICHAEL AND BETTY STRACEY, 7, Aaron Road, South Cerney, Glos. 8165

To ALL our ringing friends "EVERYWHERE" — including NEW MEXICO, "OUR" "Ringing World"—cheap at double the price—the Editor (Mr. White) and staff, our warmest greetings and wishes for a very happy Christmas, a pleasant and profitable New and succeeding years; also our grateful thanks for the many happy years and times. Good ringing.—FRANK and ADA STENSON. 8140

Christmas and New Year's greetings to all friends, especially those we met in Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand and Groton School on Great Adventure II.—LEN STILWELL. 8140

Greetings to all ringers from MR. and Mrs. ERNEST WEATHERLEY, California. 8140

King's Langley and district bellringers and their families are wished a merry Christmas and a happy New Year by JENNY and RICHARD WHITEHILL. 8140

LETTERS—Continued

GRANDSIRE—A WASTE OF TIME

Dear Sir,—In my opinion the method of Grandsire is hopelessly old-fashioned. Surely the ringing of a plain method today should be a "stepping stone" from the plain hunt to Surprise? In which case the beginner is going to derive no benefit whatsoever by being taught to ring a method bearing little or no relation to Surprise. Instruction in Grandsire is merely leading him into a backwater, where he more often than not will become bogged down and remain for the rest of his life. I therefore feel that we should try to forget about the days when Grandsire was the method and think carefully on the "stepping stones" we intend to use for our teaching. The ringing of Grandsire as an even-bell method is totally undesirable to listen to, a bad example for beginners and is no more instructive than chiming.

For these reasons I simply cannot conceive why anybody should wish to ring a peal of such rubbish. The peal of Grandsire Royal at Daventry—by competent ringers, all capable of Surprise Royal—was a sheer waste of bells, time and effort. I sincerely trust that repeat performances will not be forthcoming.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID J. MARSHALL.
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MR. RING RECALLS

Dear Sir,—Just like her Bob Major, Mrs. Chapman's letter (page 760) gets off to a very bad start. In it she declares she has never had the pleasure of ringing with me—utter nonsense, madam! My records show that we rang together in a peal of Braunstone Surprise Major at Chilham, Kent, on October 26th, 1957; it may not have been a pleasure for her, but ring together we certainly did (I recall other occasions, too). Crawford T. Hillis also took part in that epic performance oddly enough.

Returning to Cheriton for a moment, it was obvious to me that the ringers of the front five bells had not much idea of striking properly; the fact that the conductor was ringing one of these makes the remainder of her letter look rather silly! Only 6, 7 and 8 were being rung properly (as near as the others would allow).

I most certainly decline Mrs. Chapman's invitation to "bash" my way through a course of Plain Bob at Charing with her, but I'm willing for her to have the Christmas pudding which was sent to me yesterday; with it came a wooden spoon which I am keeping for myself (to stir with—not to eat!). My thanks to the anonymous sender.

Crawford Hillis' letter has treachery written all over it; he has admitted that he is on my side (before witnesses, mind you), he has rested within these portals, sprawled in front of my fire, guzzled my sausage rolls and tea, safe from the stormy blast and the mob howling for his blood without, then, like Brutus of old, he stabs me in the back; I can but cry "Thou, too, Crawford?" He had better watch it or he will find himself deported to Cheriton double quick, there to ring with the Ladies' Guild for the rest of his natural life. (Do I detect a scream of terror from the Willesborough quarter?)

I conclude with some good news. While lurking at Wittersham a few weeks back I heard a jolly good quarter peal of Doubles rung on this awkward-going six. This was by a band of very modest ringers who lay no claim to greatness in our noble art. My congratulations to Brian Johnson and his band on some very good ringing. I only wish Mrs. Chapman had been there to hear how learners should perform! — I remain semper paratus,

WILFRED W. RING.

Bethersden, Kent.

SARRATT, HERTS.—1,500 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 1,200 Plain Bob): Rev. J. Tomlinson 1, June Recs 2, C. J. Harpley (first "inside") 3, I. Recs 4, D. J. Goodman (cond.) 5.

QUARTER PEALS

BATHFORD, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Swatton 1, P. J. Devrell 2, D. C. Hawkins (cond.) 3, J. E. Newman 4, A. B. Cannings 5, B. Sarll 6. For Advent.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On Nov. 28th, 1,296 Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. Lane (first of T.B.) 1, Ann Blatcher (first of T.B. "inside") 2, Jennifer Payne 3, D. L. Parker 4, D. C. Manger 5, N. J. Martin (cond.) 6.

COTTINGHAM, YORKS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Booth 1, Eve Rimer 2, Renee Page-Jones 3, J. I. Booth 4, C. L. D. Munday 5, G. Pybus 6, C. C. Brown (cond.) 7, R. M. Page-Jones 8. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 28th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Eve Rimer 1, Renee Page-Jones 2, D. P. B. Miles 3, C. L. D. Munday 4, R. D. Gibson 5, G. W. Randall 6, J. I. Booth (cond.) 7, C. C. Brown 8. A compliment to Walter Wright, who completed 30 years' service as organist this day.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. C. May 1, G. S. E. Winter 2, E. C. Leigh 3, J. H. French 4, E. J. Jenner 5, B. E. Jeffrey 6, D. J. M. Cox (first of Grandsire as cond.) 7, H. W. Evans 8. Rung on the Festival of All Saints. Also on Remembrance Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. C. May 1, G. S. E. Winter 2, E. C. Leigh 3, E. J. Jenner 4, R. J. Everest 5, H. W. Evans 6, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 7, D. J. M. Cox 8. Half-muffled.

LIVERPOOL, LANCs.—At Emmanuel Church, Everton, on Dec. 1st 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. White (first quarter) 1, D. G. Wilford 2, Miss P. A. Freeman 3, Miss J. Lethbridge 4, V. D. Jenner 5, D. F. Moore 6, M. A. Phillips (cond.) 7, J. J. Fox 8. Rung by members of Liverpool University Society of Change Ringers.

SALFORD, LANCs.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity, on Nov. 21st, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Norma Coom 1, A. S. Taylor 2, P. Coddington 3, E. A. Harrison 4, C. R. Calton 5, J. W. Gander 6, R. L. Coley 7, D. J. Baker (cond.) 8. First of Surprise 3 and 4. Also on Dec. 5th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Taylor (first quarter) 1, D. Jukes (first in method) 2, P. Coddington 3, S. Taylor 4, I. N. Goldthorpe 5, C. R. Calton 6, D. J. Baker 7, J. W. Gander (cond.) 8. Both rung by M.U.G.C.R. for Evensong.

SHROTON, DORSET.—On Dec. 4th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. C. Shute (cond.) 1, Miss H. Julius (first of Minor) 2, Miss R. Julius 3, Mrs. M. M. Godfrey 4, B. Ridout 5, F. Hilliar 6. First of Surprise 3, 5 and 6.

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